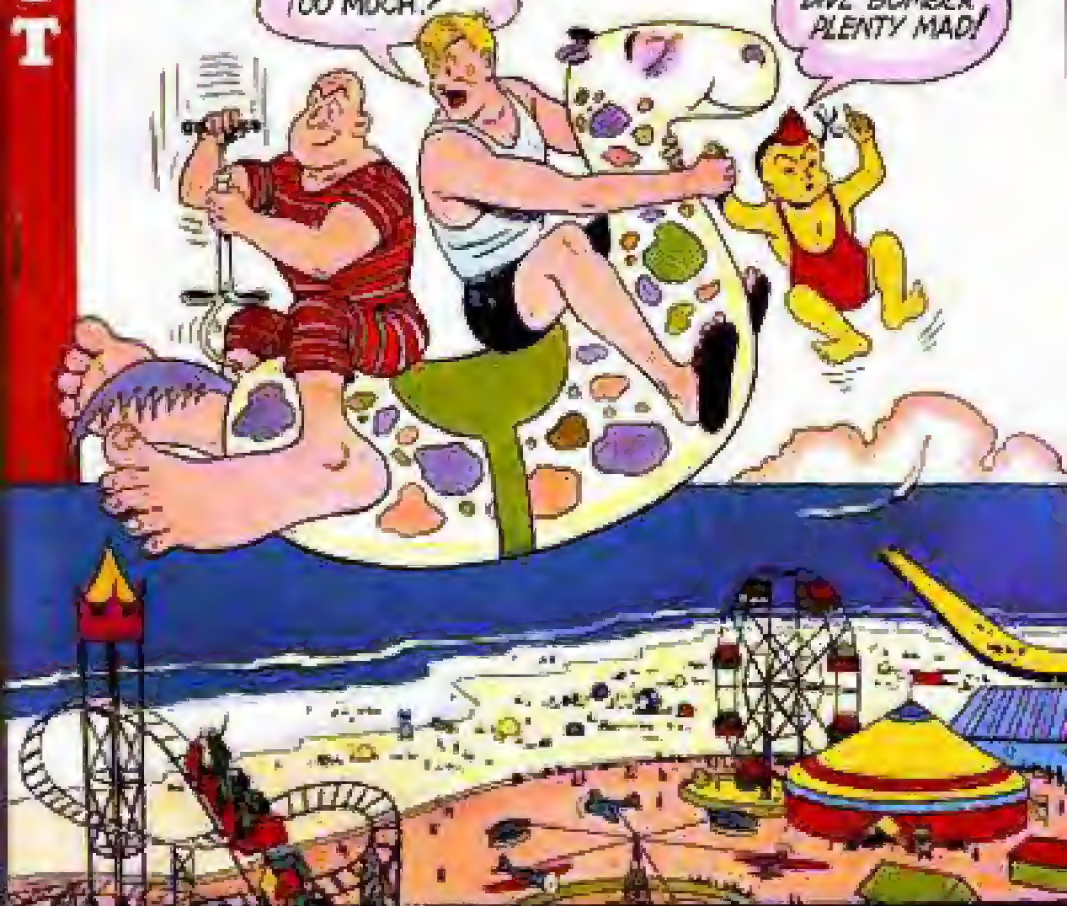


BIG SHOT

NO/NO/SLAPHAPPY
YOU'RE DUMPING
TOO MUCH!

LOOKEE!
DIVE BOMBER
PLENTY MAD!



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CHARLIE CHAN . . DIXIE DUGAN . CAPT. YANK . . THE FACE**



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The FACE

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WE OWE MUCH TO THE WAR CORRESPONDENTS WHO STAKE THEIR LIVES ON THE WORLD'S BATTLEFRONTS FOR A STICK OF PRINTER'S INK OR A FEW WORDS SPOKEN OVER THE RADIO. THE TRUTH THEY BROADCAST WILL KEEP US FREE. AMONG THESE INTREPID NEWSHOUNDS IS TONY TRENT, POSSESSOR OF THE GROTESQUE MASK CALLED — THE FACE!

A FEW HOURS BEFORE DAWN... THE U.S. FLEET MANEUVERS OFF A JAP-HELD ISLAND FOR A SURPRISE ASSAULT...

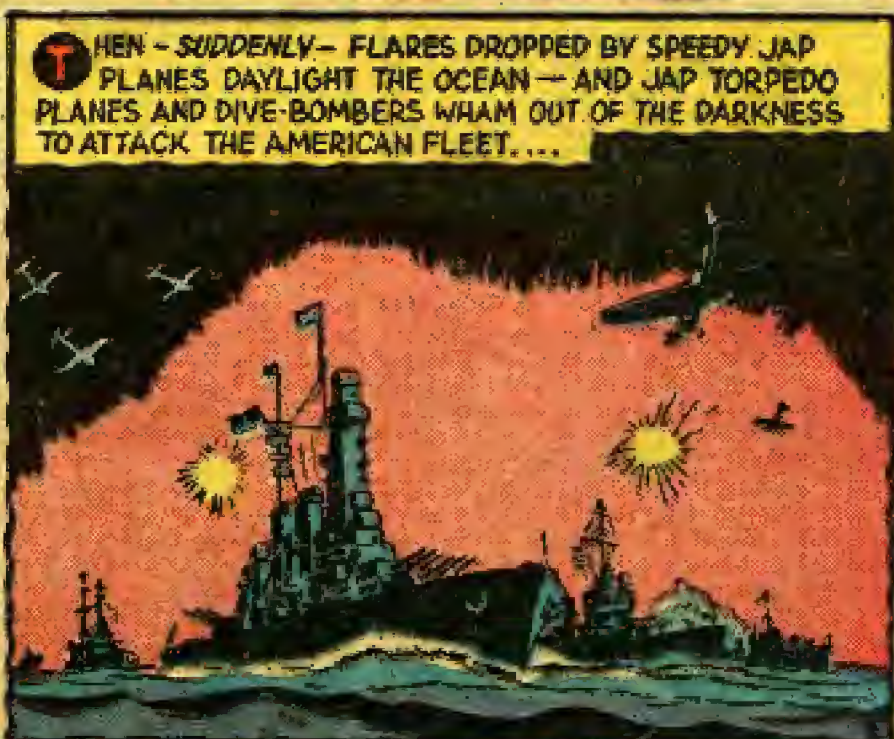


BUT A JAP PLANE SPIES THE INVASION ARMADA...

ENEMY FLEET
APPROACHING...
BEARING TWO-FIVE-



BIG SHOT



BIG SHOT

ZIGZAGGING PRECISELY TO DODGE THE TORPEDOES AND BOMBS, THE WARSHIPS PLASTER THE SKY WITH A PROTECTING WALL OF ACK-ACK....



OVER THE SIDE, LEATHERNECKS, DOUBLE QUICK!

AND TO THINK I'M DOIN' ALL THIS TO STAY OUT OF THE DRAFT.



FORGET TO SHAVE THIS MORNING, SAILOR?

JUST CALL ME "MATTRESS" M'CARTHY, THE LIFE OF THE PARTY—A HAZER WITHOUT A RAZOR—AND NOT AIMING TO USE ONE TILL THE WAR'S WON!



KEEP YOUR PLACES — WE'RE OFF TO THE RACES!



FROM THE SHORE, JAP BATTERIES OPEN A DEADLY BARRAGE UPON THE ASSAULT BOATS....



WASSAMATTER, CHUM — FEELIN' BUM?

GO 'WAY AND LET ME ENJOY MY MISERY!



THE NEXT INSTANT — DIRECT HITS ON THE INVASION BARGES!



BIG SHOT



A MOMENT LATER, A SHELL EXPLODES CLOSE TO THE LANDING BARGE — AND BABBLING BROOKS CHANGES HIS MIND....



MEANTIME, TONY TRENT BECOMES SEPARATED FROM THE INVADING RANGERS....



— THAT BATTERY WILL WIPE OUT OUR INVASION BARGES — AND I CAN'T DO A THING TO STOP IT!



BIG SHOT

THAT IS, TONY TRENT,
WAR CORRESPONDENT AND
NON-COMBATANT, CAN'T—

— BUT MAYBE
THE FACE
CAN —

THESE BINOCULARS
WILL HELP YOU
TO SEE STARS!

NICE THING ABOUT MY
"FACE"— IT GIVES ME
THE JUMP ON ALL
KINDS OF GANGSTERS!

TRIPPED!... AT LEAST
I KEPT YOU MONKEYS
AWAY FROM THAT GUN
FOR A LITTLE WHILE!

NOW
— DIE!

BUT BEFORE THE JAP OFFICER
CAN SQUEEZE THE TRIGGER...

YOOHOO—
NE-HERTS
TO YOOHOO!

NIPPED THE NIP
FROM THE HIP
WITH A COCOANIP!

MATTRESS
MC CARTHY!

WASSAMATTER,
GATE —
SUMPHTIN'
YOU ATE?

LOOK —
SOMEONE
IN THE
BUSHES!

BIG SHOT

LET ME
OUT OF
HERE!

WOW!

QUICK AS A COBRA THE FACE
STRIKES AT THE SINISTER FORM!

JUST A FALL GUY
FOR AN UPPERCUT!

DON'T KILL — FRIEND
— COME TO HELP
AMERICANS.

WHAT'S
THIS?

JAPANESE TORTURE
MISSIONARY FATHER
AND TRIBAL CHIEF —
KEEP THEM HOSTAGE
TO MAKE WARRIORS
WORK... COME FREE
THEM — THEN ME SHOW
HOW TO DESTROY
JAPANESE — BANG!

COME!
COME!

... IT
MAY BE
A TRAP!

GO ALONG ON
THE RUN WHILE
I HORSE-DE-
COMBAT THESE
JAPS AND SPIKE
THEIR GUN —

MINUTES LATER....

THAT'S IT
ALL RIGHT
— THE JAP
HEADQUARTERS!

BUT HOW CAN
WE TACKLE
A PLACE LIKE
THAT — UNARMED?

NEVER MIND
— GOOD WEAPONS
HID UNDER
GROUND
CLOSE BY!

WHERE ARE
THEY?...
DIG 'EM UP
JIVE BOY!

HERE —
PLENTY
WEAPONS!

BOWS AND ARROWS
TO SHOOT
LITTLE SPARROWS!

BIG SHOT



BIG SHOT



NEXT ISSUE — **BOMBS AWAY!**